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Dockets to
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Authority
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Copy of
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pensation as he is entitled to, for the like services, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the clerk of Saint Mary's county court be, and he is hereby required to have all the dockets now remaining in his office, bound in good substantial leather covers, in such manner as he may think proper, for the better preservation of the only evidence now in Saint Mary's county court, of the judicial proceedings of said court; and that the levy court of the county aforesaid, levy on the assessable property of said county, such sum as may be necessary to defray the expenses thereof.

AN ACT to authorize the Register of Wills of Saint Mary's County, to record certain Papers destroyed by Fire, and for other purposes.—1831, ch. 177.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any person or persons, having any original will or wills, or any other instrument of writing, or any attested copy of a will or wills or other instrument of writing, which shall appear to have been heretofore recorded in the office of the register of wills, of Saint Mary's county, and the record thereof has been destroyed, may, and is hereby authorized to have the same recorded again, and the register of wills of the said county, is hereby required upon application, and at the cost and charge of the party or parties interested, to record the same, together with the endorsement of the former enrolment, on the back of the said will or wills, or other instrument of writing, in a well bound book, in folio, for that purpose, and the said register shall on the back of the said will or wills, or other instrument of writing, make an endorsement of such second enrolment, and also the folio of the book in which the same shall be enrolled.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the will or wills, or other instrument of writing, so as aforesaid recorded, shall have the same effect and operation in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the records in which the said will or wills, or other instrument of writing were heretofore recorded, or original papers had never been destroyed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That a copy of any receipt, acquittance, release or final discharge, from any heir, representative, or legatee of full age, or other person authorized to execute the same, to any guardian, executor, executrix, administrator or administratrix, which has been recorded in the register of wills' office, in Saint Mary's county, if the same shall appear to have been acknowledged as is required by the act, entitled, an act to make the final discharge of executors, administrators and guardians, matter of record, and the original of which has been destroyed, shall be admitted as evidence to